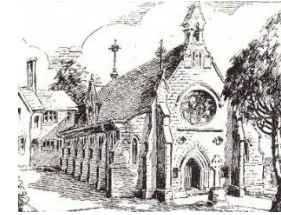


## St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

This Parish is served by the Benedictine Monks of Douai Abbey.

**Parish Priest:**  
Fr. Alex Austin (OSB)

**Parish Office:**  
Open Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Thursday  
& Friday mornings



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**The Sick and Housebound:** Mary Barratt, Dennis Barratt, Mena Burn, Sophie Connor, Gary Denstone, Patricia Elliott, Mary Foster, Maciej Grudzinski, Ann Kingland, Anne Hamilton, Maureen Harper, Brian Harrison, Anthony Hathaway, Tony Jones, Phil Kendrick, Margaret Lamb, John Leary, Mildred Madden, Peggy Madden, Rory Mahon, Mary Murphy, Vera Roche, John Somers, Christina Valentino, Anne Parkinson, Margaret Young, Helena Myczko, Barbara Woodgates, Mary McCarthy, and all the sick in our hospitals, nursing homes, own homes and known to us.

**DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS.** Personal consent is now needed for inclusion on the sick list as it will appear on the weekly bulletin in church and on the website. Please complete a form from the church notice boards and return to Parish office or contact the Parish office. Confirmation is needed if you, a relative or friend have consented for their name to be included on it. GDPR 2018 (General Data Protection Regulations 2018)

**Anniversaries in December:** Maureen Blackie, Theresa Fowler, Oliver Condon, June Fairbrother, Owen Jones, Teresa Dietrich, Enzo Buquet, Edward Carrick, Victor Burn, Edward Dempsey, Oliver Storer, Andrew Stenson, Wyndham Perring, William Vale-Humphreys, Else Burdon, Kevin Ford.

**Lately Dead:** Tom Mahon, Gabriella Tyrrell, Sarah Gretton, Dick Kingston, Dom Nicholas Broadbridge OSB.

**BEREAVEMENT TEAM** are here to support those who have lost precious ones and those who mourn. Parishioners can contact a member of the team on 07592572978 or email [stgregorysbt@gmail.com](mailto:stgregorysbt@gmail.com) or complete a form available in the church porch.

**Church Cleaning:** St Gregory's: P. Hobbs.

### Recent Collections.

Weekend 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Loose: £520.41 Gift Aid: £634.84 Boxes: £110.38  
Thank you for your generosity.

**VISITORS:** You are very welcome. Please make sure you introduce yourselves and sign the visitor's book at the back of the church.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please make yourselves known to the priest and fill in a New Parishioners Form.

### SAFEGUARDING OFFICER FOR St. Gregory's Parish, Stratford-upon-Avon:

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**The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, and Douai Abbey Parishes Trust.**

Registered Charity Number 1063237

<b>23/24<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. (Year C)</b>		
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>5.30 pm.</b>	<b>Mass. Youth Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am.</b>	<b>Mass. David Crockett (anniversary) (P.M.C.)</b>
	<b>1.00 pm.</b>	<b>Polish Mass</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b>
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass. Austin Bryan (RIP) (Doreen Morris)</b>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass. Barbara Grace (RIP) (Kay Senior)</b>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Presentation of Our Lady</i>	<b>9.30 am.</b> <b>7 - 8.00 pm</b>	<b>Mass. Thanksgiving S. Barnard &amp; C. Gamboa (Carol Campanella)</b> <b>Exposition</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b> <i>St. Cecilia</i>	<b>7.00 pm.</b>	<b>Confirmation Service.</b>
<b>30/ 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year A)</b>		
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b> <i>St. Andrew</i>	<b>5.30 pm.</b>	<b>Mass. Maureen Blackie (anniversary) (Edmund Blackie)</b>
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am.</b>	<b>Mass. People of the Parish.</b>
<b>Confessions Saturdays 10.30-11.30am</b>		
<b>Our Lady of Peace, Shotton.</b>		
<b>23/24<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. (Year C)</b>		
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass. Michael McGraw (RIP) (Mike Lowe)</b>
<b>30/ 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year A)</b>		
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass. Timothy McGarry (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary) (Joan McGarry)</b>

**N.B: Weekday Services will be in the Parish Room.**

- **CONFIRMATIONS** on Friday 29th November at St Gregory's at 7pm. We welcome **BISHOP WILLIAM KENNEY** to celebrate the sacrament. Everyone is welcome to come along and support this wonderful parish event.
- **We welcome Fr GERRY MARKEY SSC** to appeal to us of the **Columban Missionaries** on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> November. He has worked on their behalf in the Phiippines, on the Mexican border and Chile and other places around the globe. The Society of St. Columban is an organization working in fifteen countries with a special commitment to Asia and Latin America. The primary aim of the Columbans is inculturation of the Gospel in Cross Cultural environments. They engage in Reconciliation, Dialogue and building relationships between peoples of different faiths, cultures and ideologies. Columban missionary work of evangelisation includes outreach to poor and marginalized peoples, building bridges between faiths and cultures and supporting emerging local churches. At the heart of their work is the call to help people become fully human, to help establish a world of peace with justice and care for the integrity of creation in solidarity with the poor.
- **YOUTH MASS:** at 5.30pm on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November celebrating Youth Sunday, an annual event in the Catholic calendar. There will be a speaker on the Kenelm Youth Trust at all Masses. Any "young ones" interested in taking part please come along and join our confirmation candidates on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Meet at St Gregory's Parish Room at 2pm for preparation for the 5:30 pm Mass... Be prepared for fun!!! Contact Chris on 07-867-507-571 for more or just come.
- **CWL** Autumn Cake Sale is on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November after 5.30pm Mass – all welcome.
- **SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend, 30<sup>th</sup>/ 1<sup>st</sup> December for Christmas parcels. Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank you.
- **ST.GREGORY'S BUILDING WORKS.** The renovation of the church will at last be starting shortly. The main work will begin in January – February but before that, the altar rails and font will be moved and we will have a temporary altar. The weekday Masses will move to the Parish room. Hopefully it should all be finished by Easter 2020. Next week the altar and font will be moved and new radiators installed.
- **LUNCH CLUB MEETING.** The next meeting dates is 9<sup>th</sup> December. If you have booked any lunch and then are unable to attend, contact Helen on 01789 550545, or Val on 01789 293267, giving as much notice as possible as is important for catering numbers.
- **S.V.P. MEETING DATES:** December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **GENERAL ELECTION HUSTINGS** 12<sup>th</sup> December at Levi Fox Hall King Edward V1 School 7-9pm. The Stratford Herald General Election Hustings 2019 are on their way, giving you the chance to quiz the candidates on the subjects most important

- to you. Nadhim Zahawi (Cons), Felix Ling (Lab), Dominic Skinner (Lib Dem), and David Passingham (Green) will be attempting to win your vote on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Our free Hustings event, chaired by former BBC presenter and producer Will Hanrahan, will give residents the chance to put the candidates under the microscope. If you are attending the event and are interested in asking questions to our candidates, please email them in advance to [news@stratford-herald.com](mailto:news@stratford-herald.com), while there will also be opportunities to ask questions on the night.
- **CLIMATE CHANGE & THE ENVIRONMENT.** As a parish we need to try to reduce global warming by becoming greener. Tom Baxter will co-ordinate our efforts. A small start would be for us all to prioritize our method of travel before every journey. Walking. 2. Cycling. 3. Bus. 4. Train. 5. Car. Air and cruise ship travel should be avoided if possible.
- **THE HOLY FATHER'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: The Future of the Very Young.** That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.
- **L.P.S. PARISH CAR PARK:** No charges from Saturday 5pm until Sunday 2.45pm.
- **OLP CAR PARK:** Pay and display car park: no charge on Sundays for Mass attenders.
- **HOLY HOUR:** 7.00pm on Thursdays. All are welcome.
- **DEFIBRILLATION MACHINES** are at each church. Link to training to be found at <https://www.utube.com/watch?v=OPnaf5t7H1>
- **OLP REPOSITORY.** Items for Advent, including a variety of Advent Calendars are now available. Christmas cards are also on display. A wide variety of cards and gifts for all occasions - including Confirmation - are in stock. Why not have a browse? Items not in stock can usually be ordered easily from our suppliers. Contact details can be found on the noticeboard.
- **THE ROSARY** will be said after each Tuesday morning mass for peace in the Middle East.
- **BIBLE GROUP:** Tuesdays 7.30pm in the Parish room. The Bible Group meets every week to review the following Sunday's readings. All welcome.
- **DIOCESAN WEBSITE** at [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)
- **WARWICK DEANERY WEBSITE** at [www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk)
- **GIFT AID:** To join the scheme, please contact Clive Hamilton on 01789 488047 or by e-mail [stgregorysgiftaid@aol.co.uk](mailto:stgregorysgiftaid@aol.co.uk). If you are already in the scheme, please contact him with any questions or any changes of address or tax status.
- **PARISH OFFICE:** The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings. Telephone 01789 292439. Please note Monday is Fr. Alex's day off.

